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Dear Examiner Forman,

Thanks again for the helpful interview on March 3. Enclosed is a supplemental amendment in which additional limitations (from claim 3) have been added to claim 2.

I will also be faxing in the near future (I hope by March 18 at the latest) a supplemental amendment in the related case Ser. No. 09/682,837.

If you think it would be helpful in considering either of these cases, please call me at 781-280-1712 (however, I will be out of the office and may not be available between March 24 and April 3).

Regards,

Alan Sherr

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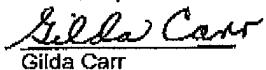
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, and in consideration of an interview between Examiner B. J. Forman and Applicants' attorney conducted by telephone on March 3, 2003, please consider the following remarks and further amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 3.

Please enter amended claim 2 as follows:

Claim 2 (currently amended) An apparatus for processing a plurality of microarrays disposed on a substrate, comprising: